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IV. *Part of a Letter from Mr Samuel Brady, to Dr William Cockburn, F. R. S. giving an Account of a Puppy in the Womb that receiv'd no Nourishment by the Mouth.*

IN the Conversation we had about the Nourishment of the *Fetus* in the Womb, wherein we seem'd to agree it was perform'd by the Umbilical Vessels only, without the assistance of the Mouth, I mention'd a Puppy at its full growth, which had never receiv'd any Nourishment this latter way. It was whelp'd *November 1704.* had no appearance of a Mouth at all, liv'd some time after it was parted from its Dam; pulling the Skin off its Head, it had not the least passage through it: The Head was one solid Bone, without Sutures, somewhat Round, as a Mans Skull, with a little prominence in the fore-part, resembling the *Os Nasæ* of a Man, but without any passage: It had no place for Eyes, nor *Meatus* for Ears, only the Outward Resemblance of one on each side, unpenetrated and plac'd lower than naturally. No Jaw-bone, nor Conveyance to the top of the *Larynx* and *Pharynx*, but thence downward natural. I send you its Skin, stuff'd carelessly for my own private satisfaction; for which you may see it was only design'd, by the little care taken in its preservation from the Mice, and the loss of the Bones: However, enough of it remains to shew that it receiv'd no Nourishment by the Mouth.